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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY KIGALI

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1978

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TAGS: OVIP (DAVIS, NATHANIEL), PFOR, XA, TZ

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS

REF: STATE 133615

1. DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS VISIT,
BUT AS REFTEL POINTS OUT SUCH A VISIT MIGHT PRODUCE PROBLEMS
IF STUDENTS NOT YET RELEASED.

2. IF VISIT WERE TO OCCUR PRIOR STUDENTS' RELEASE, TANGOV
WOULD ALMOST SURELY INTERPRET OBJECTIVE OF VISIT TO BRING
ADDITIONAL PRESSURE TO BEAR, ABOUT WHICH THEY ARE ALREADY
EXTREMELY SENSITIVE. ON OTHER HAND, IF STUDENTS SHOULD BE
RELEASED PRIOR JUNE 15, VISIT WOULD BE WELCOMED AS OPPORTUNITY
TO THANK PRESIDENT NYERERE AND TANGOV FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN
HELPING TO RESOLVE THE KIDNAP SITUATION.

3. IN ANY EVENT, IN VIEW OF VISIT TO KENYA I BELIEVE I SHOULD
BE ALLOWED ADVISE TANGOV OF SITUATION SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT
DRAW INCORRECT CONSLUSION THAT DAVIS GOING TO NAIROBI AND
SNUBBING DAR ES SALAAM. I THINK I COULD MAKE THIS CASE TO
THE TANZANIANS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MINIMIZE ANY POSSIBLE
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MISUNDERSTANDING.

4. IF DAR VISIT SCRUBBED, I WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY AT HIS CONVENIENCE DURING NAIROBI STOP.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO INFORM TANGOV OF DAVIS VISIT TO EAST AFRICA; TO INDICATE DAVIS' DESIRE TO VISIT DAR IF STUDENTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED; AND TO EXPLAIN THAT DAVIS WOULD NOT VISIT DAR IF STUDENTS STILL BEING HELD, BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZES DELICACY OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD THEN BE IN PROGRESS.

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